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Testimony From the Past.

A perfervid pacifist of the militani name of Samson, haranguing a meeting of "conscientious objectors," in dulged in this flight of fancy:

"If CHRIST, MOHAMMED and MOSE were on the exemption boards the would exampt the whole 10,000,000."

Yet Mosks murdered an Egyptian in the days of hotheaded youth, and in the calm of age fought the Midlanites, the Monbites and other triber that barred the path of his people.

MOHAMMED preached untiringly the gospel of the sword, and in the Koran omised to the faithful who should fall in battle with the infidel the delights of an eternal paradise, with bouris innumerable.

And it was CHRIST who said "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth; I came not to send peace, but a sword."

A really conscientious objector should rend his history with greater care before appealing to it to support his objections.

Sunken Gardens in Central Park.

The plan submitted by the Mayor's committee appointed to arrange a Catskill Aqueduct celebration includes a permanent memorial in the shape of sunken gardens in Central Park. These would be constructed in the older reservoir, soon to be abandoned for water supply purposes. The rectangular rim would be somewhat lowered and crested with trees and shrubs. The grassy embankments would be terraced. A parklike appearance would be the object: nothing architecturally striking. The top of the embankment, at the north and south ends of the reservoir, would become driveways. For one thing these roads would make it possible to get from the Natural History Museum to the Metropolitan Museum of Art with great ease.

Inside the reservoir are about thirty-one acres. A fountain would stand at the north end, the MacMonates fountain, which was much ad-1893. A pavilion for music or other festivities would stand at the southern end. Trees, shrubs, grass, flowers and walks would intervene. In the upper reservoir an eighty foot jet of water would play.

Isn't this better than converting the old reservoir into a stadium, an open air theatre, an athletic field, or some thing else of a special nature and limited use? The idea of a park, pure and simple, is faithfully preserved. The plan should commend itself to all those who believe that the character of Central Park as a park must be preserved inviolate.

Same Old German Diplomacy. The news received at Washington that the recent political upheaval in China was due to German plotters working with German money and backed by the German Government indicates that the way of German diplomacy has not changed with time nor profited by failures.

Interference with the internal af fairs of other nations has been the most marked characteristic of Ger man diplomacy since the beginning of the war. It has been made evi dent through public trials in this country and through the confessions of German agents and spies who have been detected in the actual commission or crimes against Americans and American interests. This activity has been exposed in the attempts of German agents in Sweden and other as the Crusades broke ground for the Scandinavian countries, in Portugal, revival of learning so the battle of Holland and Spain, and notably in creeds and schisms had indirect conse-Greece, to defeat the will of the peo- quences that far outweighed the imple and to secure unneutral rights mediate results, important as those for Germany.

To Germans who were left in China by no means fantastic when he deafter the break with Germany were clares: "The English sea power was given exceptional privileges, owing the legitimate child of the Reformato the complications arising out of tion." And when he says this he has "We have not desired ittheir position and the difficulty of in mind not so much the defeat of the their getting home. They were also Spanish Armada, a denouement, as accorded an unusually considerate the half century leading up to that treatment by people of other Euro- great sea encounter, a time when, as pean nations at the various scaport he notes, British invention, ingenuity colonies. They reciprocated by at- and resource were wakened to lay the tempting to endanger the rights and foundations of the British Empire tolives of these Europeans and also to day. Was it a trifle that at this period overthrow the Government of which "Mr. FLETCHER of Bye (be his name they were at the time residents remembered) invented a boat the like through sufferance.

China has a good memory. It has which would work to windward, with not forgotten the Kalser's words to sails trimmed fore and aft, the greatthe troops that he sent to China "to est revolution yet made in shipbuildgive no quarter," "to take no pris- ing"? What should we do without oners," but to make the might of the schooners even now-perhaps partic-German arms so felt that no Chinese ularly now! Men still ejaculate "By for centuries would dare "raise his the Great Harry!" having no faintest hand against a German." Noither did liden that she was a ship of a thou

the German rule in Kino-chow. This good memory was the chief reason VIII. of England, of course. why the reputable Chinese statesman and politician opposed any alliance with Germany. It was, too, the reason why the German agents had to turn their attention and their money to CHANG HSUN as the man most

lkely to ald them in their designs. In the end, though, it worked against them. All China knew CHANG. it seen discovered the German influence back of him. The unsettled conditions in China will continue to make the country favorable ground for German agents. If China would avoid a recurrence of the recent trouble. It must do what all other nations have endeavored to do-that is to put an end to German underhandedness and intrigue - -

General Crowder's Swift Shift.

The promptitude with which Genegal Crowner, on learning that the plan of drawing for the selective draft was vitiated by errors in local districts, changed his project, reformed his lines and at the time appointed went steadily on to a successful conclusion of the drawing, was in the highest degree commendable. It was an example of military efficiency.

The original plan had taken weeks of thought and preparation. We must admit there were complications about it that were puzzling to the man who wanted to know whether he was drafted. But in practice it would have saved time in drawing, and with a little familiarity would have become understandable to these concerned. But it went to the scrap heap in a Jiffy, and General Crowner was ready with a new line of operations.

It is a comfort to behold one of our war making agencies that can meet an unexpected obstacle with resource ful energy and a worksble alternative plan all prepared. In some boards a ten days postponement and a fresh lebate in the Senate would have been the results of the check General Chowden so effectively overcame.

Piffle.

Dr. LINDLEY MILLER KEASEY has lost his University of Texas Job, after immortalizing himself with his expressed opinion that "n lot of this talk about France and Belgium is piffle," and now finds himself approprintely paired with Scorr NEARING, notable victim of the prejudice against feelish free speech. Both of them labor in the People's Council for Democracy and Terms of Peace. an organization which needs only \$50,000 or so to end the war in a namer thoroughly satisfactory to

Both of these eminent practitioners of the art of loose talk have suffered the hands of unsympathetic university governing bodies, which stupidly believe that representatives of the institutions which they direct ought to be dignified in their utterances and considerate of the effect produced by their outgivings. It has long been a reproach to the higher educational establishments of the country that common sense and notive intelligence are not barred from their directing councils, and no matter what pains are taken by the eager world reconstructors in the faculties to turn the colleges into bedlams. and unrelenting of its enemies

The 486th Anniversary of the Reformation.

The Lutheran Church in particular and Protestantism in general purpose to observe this year a quadrisary occurs on October 31, 1917, which much pains years ago to convince the day on which MARTIN LUTHER sesthetic value and that the most nailed his theses on the church door notable literature grew out of great at Wittenberg. The commemoration military struggles. Germany acof the Reformation will not, however, be restricted to one day any more than it and because the Napoleonic wars it will be confined to a sect or sects. It will take place here and there Annor's works, such warlike gems as throughout the summer and fall.

A great mistake will be made if the anniversary is considered as essentially religious. The forces underlying the Reformation were not religious but spiritual and political, and are of especial significance to us to-day. To think of the Reformation a collection of German war poems. in terms of ecclesiasticism is to deprive ourselves of the historical les- erary men of the empire have made son it embodies, and is no more permissible than to think of it in terms of one or two outstanding personalities. Besides LUTHER there was ZWINGLI, and CALVIN does not out-

strip Erasmus. In fact the Reformation was an were. Thus the historian Facung is

of which was never seen before, this is an example-

"Listen: I chant the tidings of spring Our soil is our ally in this great thing; Already new bread in the earth.

Bread is a sword"-

it forget the autocratic severity of sand tons carrying 700 men and "the with the fine shythmic flow and strong wonder of the day," the day of HENRY wirtle invocation of the "Hymn of Hate":

The Reformation in Germany, or what is now Germany, gave CHARLES V. much intermittent concern. He would have dealt hardly with it, this domestically virtuous and sensible monarch of an empire embracing half of the world then known. But wars, principally with France, gave him small opportunity to interfere and Hsun, and in looking for his motive the popular support of Luther made it seen discovered the German in-coercion impracticable. In contemplating the chaotic state of central Europe four centuries ago, with its free cities, knights, electors, bishoprics and thousand and one species of principalities and powers, the student of history is moved to the reflection that the German Reformation was a partial failure. Elsewhere the seed of liberty bore every kind of healthful fruit; in Germany religious liberty was secured, but there was no fruitage of political liberty. That has remained curiously backward. It is interesting to recall that LUTHER, who could be so gentle and so tyrannical both, finally sided against the peasants, struggling for some measure of freedom from unbearable appression, and urged the Government to crush

> stab, smite, throttle, who can!" If only this seed of the German Reformation, this seed of true political liberty which has lain for 400 years on barren ground, could now strike root, what a glorious anniversary 1917 would become!

them. "Have no pity on the poor folk;

The Smokes of Battle.

If Senator REED of Missouri is as feroclous in action as in speech, and if Senator Phelan of California is as willing as his name suggests to fight whether the hat drops or not, there may be more than an encounter of

words between them. In a colloquy in the Senate re cently the Senator from Missouri snapped back in response to a ques tion by the Senator from California "The question of the Senator does not throw any light on anything, and proceed.

Indeed, he did proceed; he talked for three hours before Senator PHELAN went to bat, and then he called Senator REED a police court lawyer in obligations to MARTIN W. LITTLETON. these words

"I know the Senator from Missour! has been accustomed in his own State to try before juries men indicted for petty offences.

Senator PHELAN said he was reminded by Senator REED of a lawyer so engaged, rather than of one who was "trying to convey information to the Senate."

In Kansas City, where Senator REED practises law, "men are tried for petty offences" only in police courts, we assume. A pretty quarrel as it lies. If it results in an early the infantile mind. morning trip by the Senators across the Potomac into Virginia, accompanied by seconds, may we not be permitted to suggest that advance notice be published, an admission fee be charged, and the proceeds be remitted to any high class American newspaper found to have raised in excess of \$20,000 for smokes for Sammles in France?

The German War Poets.

What has become of the German war poets and of the "great literary some remnant of levelheadedness is to Germany? A Berlin critic estilikely at any moment to foil their mated that in the first year of the efforts and preserve a continuity of war the literary output of Germany good sense against the most earnest was 6,000,000 poems and that in the first month of the great conflict the lyric outpouring numbered 1,500,000. Now the complaint is that scarcely a vagrant war verse comes into the German editorial sanctum.

This is not what was either expected or hoped for, The philosophic FRIEDRICH THEODORE VISCHER took will mark the lapse of 400 years from mankind that war was of great cepted the doctrine, because it liked produced the best of Ennst Monrie "Was ist des Deutschen Vaterland?" and "Der Gott der Eisen wachsen iless," and the war of 1870 some of the finest war lyrics of his successor, EMANUEL GERREL.

For the current Contemporary Review ALEC W. G. RANDALL has made Some of the most distinguished litpatriotic contributions and have at least furnished testimonials to the patriotism and unity of the "intellectuals" of the Fatherland.

GERHART HAUPTMANN, Who was censured by the Kaiser in 1913 for not writing with more fervor of the epoch, like the Renaissance; and just Leipzig battle anniversary, mildly

"Gop, Emperor and Germany's army fight for us. Never shall we yield!

HERMANN SUDERMANN, who was likewise not always in favor at the imperial court, says in Germany's

This murder, this world ending murder-Which now, with blood hot sighs Stamps over the shuddering earth."

But the only high mark in German Have they not forgot, alas! we're making war poetry was reached by Exner for the Rhine. When we go fighting the Kalser? Lissauen in the famous "Hassgesang gegen England" ("Hymn of Hate we'll make a thoroughfare for Freedom against England"). Herr Lassauka has himself attempted to outdo himall the way from Belgium to old Aleace self by other verses, but the weak-Lorraine: Autocracy will fice before us, for resistness of these later efforts, of which When we go fighting the Kalser

> To France! to France! and fight for Lab erty. So we'll sing the chorus on the way across

IN THE DUST HEAP The siege was becoming insupport

expedition which was coming up the

Tigris. Wireless messages gave news

mighty works to live forever.

nor for the destruction that wasted at

Of what worth were

buried secrets while men were dying, while the fate of all this region lay,

caused to be built seven tunnels from

the centre of the city to seven places

outside the city walls where his sol-

diers came forth and cut down the

The old man explained that he be-

one of these tunnels. Might he have

Before the next night the com-

mander had exact information of a

passage seven feet high, six feet wide

and a mile long, walled as securely

point in the rear of the Turkish lines

In the surprise attack, made two

was captured, including enough food

The next day encouraging word

came of the approach of the Tigris

dates and peering at some fragments

IOAN'S SANITY

The Results of the Mald of France'

Visions Are Another Matter.

head an answer to my letter on the

madness of Joan with the caption

'Isn't a hallucfnation something else

when it comes true?' it certainly is

something else when it gets on the pen

of Mr. Donnelly; he bases his chief con-

clusion on a medical definition of hallucination which he never found in a

medical dictionary or any sort of dic-

As to the desirability of possessing

the Maid's type of craziness, your corre-

spondent isn't as serious, by half, in his

admiration of the wisdom of sublime

folly as I was in my concluding com-

Maid should reappear in Domremy to-

day she would wind up in the Asile Ste.

Anne, and a New York imitation will

SIDE WHEEL SHIPS.

Divert Torpedoes?

vent it from striking head on, thereby

But alas! and alack! if the

AGAWAM

ment on the restraining effect

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., July 21.

land in Bloomingdale.

anity.

hallucinations—she had 'em.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: YOU

In the centre of the city, close to

of its steady advance

noonday.

to a task.

of ruins.

ered some days before.

pity.

Hate of the head and hate of the hand, Hate of hammers and hate of crowns, Hate throttling hate, from seventy millions."

Though some old fashloned German professors objected to linte as a "leitmotiv" for a poem, preachers referred to the hymn as "the greatest poem of the war" and recited it from the governor's house where the comorated as a sign of imperial approval. There were no serious efforts to rival this masterpiece; the highest flight had been attained.

In the poetical slump that followed we find the poet-journ@lst ALFRED KERR Saving

We, who are far from the battlefield, We fight with you, we dierwith you."

But this poem was written in security at a writing desk-"Schreib- this performance with wonder and popular Irish airs." tischlyrik" it was called-and it lacked so much the real blood and from of strife that it died almost the day was published. The gentle novel- as it had lain thousands of years ago, ist Lupwin GANGHOFER, another who remained at his desk, came nearer to reaching popular approval when in writing of the joy of/fighting he said:

"Deeds at last, Pepper for the salad of blood." But how weak! How lacking

rue Teutonic spirit! Germany has truly not realized on Professor Vischen's "asthetic value" of the war. The poets, with the single exception of Herr Lissauer, have lamentably failed in their mission. Why should they not be mobilized by imperial decree and put to work?

Temper and Nerve.

The worst that can be said about the administration of Mayor MITCHEL by its worst enemy is stated and dis-"It has been said of this administra-

tion that it ibses its temper. Well, thank Gop, it never has lost its nerve!" nonest Mayor's service to the great community which is going to reelect

him Father Knickerbocker is under

Our esteemed contemporary the World wants to know what authority expedition. The commander read the we have for saying that the bowl in which the Three Wise Men of Gotham risked the dangers of the sea was "a

eramic bowl." Our authority is common sense and of baked clay. reasonable inference from the following verses of the recital:

My song had been longer.

The bowl either ran into something and broke into pieces or it suffered fracture by wave impact. There were no submarines then. The crockery implication should be obvious even to

early, another great drive will be available for the western front. The only recent military triumph by

As OUIMEr's number was drawn

the Prussians is the capture of \$3,

ldiy acquiring information as to the

municipal desires of the Republicans So little is heard from Bul Bayan that his friends begin to car that he

It will be necessary to enlist accomplished linguists to call the roll of some of the units in the national

3 was a lucky red number. It was in the 7,890th capsule drawn.

Premier KERENSKY appears to be on of the comparatively few men in this world capable of translating into acts the counsel of the old saving. "If you want a thing well done, do it yourself."

hanges. - Headling. We have known of Cabinet changes

If whole wheat bread is so much more nutritious and satisfactory than white bread, why is the Administration anxious to serve white bread to

our soldiers in France? On February 51, 2014, there will be dinner of the Descendants of the Red Ink Two Fifty Eights.

Missourian Chooses Safe Course From the Mountain Grove Herald. We are not going to vouch for this statement, for we got it miscellaneously,

"When We Go Fighting the Kniser." Bring out the good old bugle, boys! we'll

world along; Sing it as we soon will sing millions atrong, When we go fighting the Kaiser.

If the revolution of the screw at the How the Tommies will be shouting they hear the joyful sound; again building side wheelers? How the Boches all will scamper to their holes down in the ground. Assuming that the paddle wheels on

both sides of the vessel at about its centre might only create such action of the res, and there'll be Sammy boys who'l water for the rear half of the vessel, weep with joyful tears then build them with paddle wheels fore When they see the honored flug they have and aft on both sides.

and her train.

Undoubtedly paddle wheel steamships ing forth with cheers. would not have the cargo capacity of When we go fighting the Kaiser screw boats of the same dimensions, but decreased capacity would be no loss if Pershing's dashing Sammy boys will never it affords absolute or increased protecorose the line, to the saucy Bothes say, they'll show up this time. tion against torpedoes.

wheelers as with screw steamships? A recollection of the little Sylvan Dell, of how she actually walked away from every other boat in our waters at her time, gives an impression that side wheelers could develop speed equal to that of screw steamers, and that with two sets of wheels the speed of screw steamers may possibly be even exceeded. ADOLPH OPPENHEIMER. NEW YORK, July 21.

Would equal speed be made by side

An Axiomatic Kansan. From the Sylvan Grove News. Leave out you' milk bottles every day or absolutely no milk. I can't put milk in bottles I don't get. J. C. McClassarman.

GIA" IN IRELAND.

able to the British troops walled up in the Mesopotamian plain. All the ani-mals had been killed. Typhus was General Sherman Was Told It Was a

Popular Irish Air. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: That prevalent. There had been actual starvation. The heat also slew. ras an interesting letter of Major Bar Nevertheless the city must be held ton in Tun Sun on "Marching Through Georgia" as heard in front of the Kh for two weeks longer. That would for the arrival of a relief

About two years after General Sherman's retirement in 1884 I met him at the old Century Club in Fifteenth street,

at a small country inn. Just as I was lous to help his country to victory to board it without other pay. The going to bed one night a band came and to relieve some younger man—to two weeks is the critical time of the at a small country inn. Just as I was lous to help his country to victory dead loss to a farmer who undertoo crumbling heaps marking the site of an ancient capital, the glory of a hun-ared kings who had thought by their I could not understand it but I put on my coat and rushed to the win-And sands of men in the same position fone. I went to bed. could be seen digging slowly. Day after day he toiled in a little cloud of dust, and he stopped neither for the pestilence that walked in the darkness "The next morning I said to the inn

keeper, 'I heard a band go by at about National Guard as private, hospital 10 o'clock last night. Could you tell me orderly or anything. I served in the what tune they were playing? "The innkeeper said. I don't know The commanding officer observed

the name of it, but it was one of

TITUS MUNSON COAN,

Late United States Navy.

NEW YORK, July 19. Military Band Played It in Atlant

Nevertheless he respected fidelity in 1898 Without Inflaming. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir! And One night the archeologist came to the governor's house and asked to see the commander. His hand trembled the playing of "Marching Through Geor-gia" as tending to inflame Southerners

let me relate an incident of nearly two a table on which he had placed the translation of an inscription uncovdecades ago. During the war with Spain a negro egiment, the Tenth Immunes, was mobilised at Augusta, Ga. The outfit wa "In the reign of Sennacherib," the record ran, "did the Chaldean Mar-dukapaliddin rebel and the city was commanded by Colonel Brown, who was surrounded. There was suffering and many died. * And Sannaham

Captain in the Twenty-first Infantry at San Juan Hill, where, and this I had on the authority of his orderly, he coolly his company up the hill, stepping over the prostrate forms of men of teer regiment who were lying down to escape bullets. Citizens of Augusta white vellow and

lieved he had found the entrance to black, contributed to a fund for the pur-Immunes, and the flag was presented to the regiment by the late Senator Patrick Walsh, who at the time was Mayor. At the conclusion of Mr. Walsh's ad-

dress the color guard stepped to the and other thousands in France, all refront, the color sergeant received the flag and a few moments later the regiment was passing in review before the Mayor. It marched to "Marching Through nights later, a great quantity of stores Georgia." Colonel Brown glanced at the Mayor.

who was smiling, and as their eyes met expected. wireless and then walked slowly with master had a keen sense of humor. He it in his hand toward a shabby old had "put one over" and the populace

fellow who sat eating a handful of grinned. Mr. Walsh owned the Augusta Chron icle. There was nearly a column story of the presentation the following morning and no conference was held as to how the incident should be handled. The fact that the band had played an all ers was related, and those who were not present were informed what that air was There was no mass meeting of "inflamed Southerners" and the bandmaster was

Said Mr. Walsh to me later, "My boy

that was a good funny story.' WALLACE WHELESS. New York, July 19.

The Psychological Effect of Being Fai From Home.

Hallucinations are perceptions of things that aren't there, and apply TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SITE to disorders of one of the five senses, as have read with interest the letter seeing things" or "hearing things"; George de Forest Barton regarding paid Jane Austen, the centenary of so they are quite different from de-"Marching Through Georgia." I do not Joan didn't prophesy her think Mr. Barton's position is well taken. July 18, a very high and true compli-Time and place make a great difference ment when he wrote: As to the convenience of attributing in mental attitude. A long way off from

thing marvellous in Joan's performance quite the contrary. I said her results It is hardly necessary for me to point were the simple consequence of cheering out that while other Northern Generals brave soldiers, results no more marvel- out that while other Northern treatment in the course of the ordinary term of numberless aspirants for a much lous than those of Mr. Kerensky in close of hostilities, General Sherman life would probably seem to the vast sired but not too often acceptably file was taboo. That the feeling is still bit- majority of people who read and en- office. Galicia Had the latter, in going to the trenches, said he'd been urged thither ter is proved by the reception throughthe voices of St. Margaret and St. out the entire South of the request made time, but as critics fail to agree which Catherine, whom he had seen in an by General Sherman's son some years one of at least four of Miss Austen's choice of candidates for judicial office apple tree, his mind would be doubted, ago to be allowed to follow his father's novels is her greatest it may be in-

"Marching Through Georgia" is an in spiriting and dashing bit of military music, but it serves to keep a festering sore open. It should be dropped and forgotten. We are one nation now, unitof ed under a common flag, for a con purpose.

NEW YORK, July 19.

MR. ROOT'S REWARD. A Gold Medal From the Nation and Public Reception Suggested.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Str. New Would Fore and Aft Paddle Propellers tertaining the foreign commissions sent are the lineal successors of Miss Aus to the United States from the countries ten. Perhaps it is an old fashioned with which we are now allied in the TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE: It great war. The entertainments were

may be that the old time side wheel steamship would have better chances Eventually the American commission from submarines than present screw America's most illustrious sons, is chairman, will return home. This idea is based on an assumption,

Mr. Root, despite his retirement from that the constant rapid revolutions of public life on account of age, nobly reaction at the stern of a vessel as would sponded to the call of the President to "Criticism and Fiction": swerve to one side or another any tor-pedo coming within the field of its in-His task abroad has been crowned

and if not this, divert the with success and it would be a fitting course of the torpedo sufficiently to pre- tribute for the Congress to have a gold medal struck, select President Wilson artistic of the English novellets and alone to present it to Mr. Root in the Senate worthy to be matched with the great stern of the vessel can have such effect on a torpedo, why not change action of in anthusiasm to that accorded Marshall But of the property of in enthusiasm to that accorded Marshal But aside from all considerations of the water to the sides of the vessel by Joffre.

For chairman of the committee on eneach of them. Let the entertainment committee

named at once by Mayor Mitchel. THEODORS P. CRONEN. NEWARK, N. J., July 21.

Painting the Lily. When you see the peaches polished By the sunny son of It., All your appetite's abolished. Oleaginously lit,

When you see the watermelon With its highly varnished hide, And observe the Greeian felon Olive fingered o'er it glide. Past you stride.

They're no hit.

In the tree the sparrow twitters While the virco is mute; 'Tien't gold because it glitters.

"MARCHING THROUGH GEOR- NO PLACE FOR ONE WILLING MAN WHO WANTS TO HELP.

> Anxious to Work for Nothing, He Finds the Path of the Volunteer Beyon Fighting Age Beset With Red Tape and Refusal,

sonably intelligent, trained to a profes-"do his bit" beyond taking what Lib-erty bonds he could afford. Doubtless there are in the country many thou-

and it may be interesting to them. First I applied for enlistment in the orderly or anything. I served in the Guard as a subaitern officer long ago and was a fairly good soldier, but I had no thought of asking for a com mission. Having passed the physical examination. I had influence enough to get three minutes with the Secretary of War himself. I presented the surgeon's certificate and stated my case, offering to deposit cash to pay the cost of sending me back ho case of death or breakdown and to cern in Pittsburg that wanted 1806 waive all claims against the Government for pension or allowances. After few days I received a polite note

saying it was impossible.

I had the same experience with the navy, although I have had probably more actual experience as a deep sea needed in the quartermaster depart sailor than the average young officer. An interest in a Southern farm gave me the disposal of about a thousand barrels of potatoes. I went to the found peace, referring me to the civil commissary department and offered to service secretary of my district. let the Government have these virtually at its own price-and Southern me that the average Government offpotatoes a month ago were almost like gold. I was referred to Governors What I had heard of the experlences of others convinced me that I would have the same chance of a definite and satisfactory answer by some profit to himself individually dropping my letter into the Hudson The volunteer apparently is inconceived. River. So some of the potatoes have been sold at a very satisfactory profit anything necessarily is an "applicant and others are in cold storage. May-be, with 700,000 men in cantonments quiring three meals apiece a day, the Government soon will be seeking potatoes and paying fancy prices

chance. I wrote to Mr. Hoover volunteering serve on the food conservation work, reciting my qualifications and somehow, directly or indirectly, experience, the service to be without pay, of course. Back came the same kind of a circular that would have been sent in reply to a piteous plea for a thousand dollar clerkship in one of the departments and a promise to put the "application" on file

profiteer is getting every possible

them.

I volunteered to help get in the harvest on a farm, without pay. I really enjoyed the work and took off fifteen pounds of meat. I was better at it than the average Boy Scout of sixteen, but a colored field hand of twenty who automatically avoided all lost motion tine and rules, and that a large proand made every move count was about five times as effective as any of us into that exaggerated and accentua amateurs. The farmer told me candidly that during the last few days I would have earned my board, if I hadn't paid it, but that the boys would sacrificing patriotism.

Here is the experience of a man not earn theirs. He considered the 61 years of age, able bodied and rea- after another week of practice and et. and 75 cents a day as a harvest ham nd he "reminisced."
"After the war," said the General, "I sion, without dependents and in indewas touring it in Ireland. I had put up pendent circumstances and very anx- city trained farm labor would be

whole year for important crops. Being an old newspaper man, for nerly a newspaper owner, I wrote to the managing offering to take the place of any young man who might have to go to the front, to hold his job for him and to turn over the pay to his family dependents, prompt dismissal to be accepted if service proved unsatisfactory. One never replied; perhaps in thought he detected a new and fancy way of working him for a job. The other brilliant brother vaguely, asking if it was my idea

make a story of it."

I read in the newspapers of a conmen to be locked in ten months to work on a secret device for the Gov. ernment and promptly wrote offering to serve. No reply.

Reading that several thousand men ineligible for active service will be ment in France, I wrote for informa-tion and received a printed circular, such as would be issued in time of pro-

These well meant efforts convises cial, and frequently the American citizen, is utterly unable to grasp the idea that an American citizen is sincerely anxious to give some servito this Union without a string to it or some profit to himself individually able. Every man who offers to or a suppliant and to be so treated

We are drafting into service many to serve, who believe they cannot thousands of men, of middle age an The food speculator and the over, or for other causes debarred from the actual fighting lines, who are eager to give some service beyond subare able to be effective somewhere an their own expense. To ordinary mon sense it seems that some wa able force, to encourage men who are ready to serve anywhere, instead slamming the doors in their faces wit curt formality and more or less cold

Surely there is cause for uneary a Government has become a mere ma chine incapable of swerving slightest degree from peace time t portion of our citizenship has fall unable to conceive of unselfishness to comprehend actual and honest sel

JANE AUSTEN'S CENTENARY.

Edward Everett Hale in 1888, writing on "Books That Have Helped Me," whose death occurred last week, on

I very early enloyed Jane Austen's the marvellous to a disordered mind, home, surrounded by an alien people, novels. I can sustain a competitive exthat isn't pertinent; I didn't claim any-things from home take on a different amination upon them new, having problem.

> To read even one novel fifty times to overcome the special appeals for the joy books somewhat of a waste of ferred that the late Edward Everett Mayor's act and elevate Judge Marsh Hale read each of the four fifty times. which certainly is a liberal allowance of reading among novels of all kinds for any one man, especially one so busy as a writer and lecturer as was Edward Everett Hale. The feat probably lacks a parallel unless it be of the writer in the London Spectator who once affirmed he could go on reading Jane Austen's novels forever.

almost. To quote a contemporary of Dr. Hale, and also a fellow Bostonian Thomas Wentworth Higginson, thony Trollope among the lately dead York has done wonderfully well in en- James and Howells among the living. taste which leads me to think that neither of these does his work quite so well as she."

To found a school, whether in ficfor escaping destruction by torpedoes to Russia, of which Elihu Root, one of tion or poetry, is always a claim to originality, and that Mr. Howells himself awards Miss Austen that merit. though not in so many words, may be seen in the following from his

Realism is nothing more and nothing less than the truthful treatment of ma terial, and Jane Austen was the first and the last of the Engitsh novelists to treat material with entire truthfulness. cause she did this she remains the most chamber, after which New York should Scandinavian and Stavic and Italian

acter the reader of to-day who turns tertaining Mr. Root upon his return to Miss Austen's "Pride and Preju from Russia I should like to suggest dice," "Emma," "Northanger Abbey." Theodore Roosevelt. In recognition of or in fact almost any one of her inthe services of the other members of the comparable stories of English life of ing, and let the differences be added ommission who accompanied Mr. Root a century ago, will learn more of the as they come up. to Russia the Congress might have sil- wellsprings of English national charver medals struck off and presented to acter and of the charm of English life than he can learn in any of the great histories of England, even Green's, which avowedly narrates the history of the English people. And he will the person who gave you learn these things in a most pleasant information about Mr Ton way and may not even perceive that Decker which you pub the characters and the pictures of week in the past as you that life which rise so naturally before him that he seems to know them | the house was in hed ov intimately are the work of a master painter of manners and character. Sp m giourously drank was herer away that day and he will be disturbed by no preachments or moralizing by the there was noy disturbance way. He will "catch the manners liv-

German Industry Theiring Up State. From the Weyne County Journal. The Kraut end Pickting Company a Lyons is digging cabbage plants from a ways found Honor bed on a farm in that town. The bed is not in Colla. N Y eight acres and will yield between four publish this if you and five million plants-and barrels and

barrels of juicy kraut.

KIND WORDS FOR TWO Mayor Mitchel and Magistrate Marsh

Win Praise TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT. Mayor has done himself credit by appointing Magistrate Norman J. Mars in defiance of the usual consideration

to a full term of ten years. It is a hopeful sign that the eminent judicial qualities of that excellent Mas

committees constituted to aid in th should measure the significance of the abilities would not be unwelcome

NEW YORK, July 21

Praying for the Enemy. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT foratio G. Brewer is undoubtedly right in saying in his letter to THE SU Thursday that we should pray for the Prussians and that they be enlightened We should obey the injunction, "Pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you."

However, the prayer of the Indians chaplain before the battle of Buena Vista in the Mexican war, though as strictly in accordance with the teach ings of the Sermon on the Mount, seems appropriate when it comes to the but ness of war: "We ask Ther n Lord, that the sun shall stand still Gibeon, nor the moon upon Atales But give us a fair show, O Lord the day, and we'll smits those Great!

hip and thigh."

NEW YORK, July 21. Patriotic Woman's Plea for Action. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT FO God's sake let there be boats built at

once! Wooden boats of the quick hullfirs type for immediate use, followed by steel and slow building vessels Delay means not only desiraties t England and the Allies, but destruct

to the splendid troops already over thirt a purely literary and critical char- and eventually to ourselves this is no time for listening to side " sues, but that it is imperative to cal out the one important fact of ship by NEW YORK, July 21

midnight and as for to sion for so doing wire sheep destroyed my gard wave found Honor among

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